

**Instructions for Application for HealthStart Maternity Care Provider Certificate (HS-14)
for Comprehensive Maternity Care Services**

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the HealthStart (HS) Comprehensive Maternity Care Program. HealthStart, created by Chapter 115 of Public Law 1987, is a joint effort of the Department of Health and Senior Services and the Department of Human Services designed to improve access to quality health care services for low income pregnant women and young children. Implementation of HealthStart has been a major step in improving the maternity and pediatric care available in New Jersey for low-income families.

In addition to the information requested for a HS Comprehensive Provider Certificate, any obstetrical care providers listed on an agency's Comprehensive Maternity Care application **must first have a Medicaid provider (billing) number**. Also, obstetrical care providers will need to apply for a HealthStart Obstetrical Care Certificate (a separate application process) to allow them to bill (fee for services, where applicable) HealthStart's antepartum, delivery and/or postpartum codes for service provided to HS patients. **Providers who do not hold an individual HealthStart Obstetrical Care Certificate will be permitted to bill for services provided under the regular Medicaid codes.**

To facilitate the certification application process:

- All six (6) pages must be submitted. Please provide at the top of each page "Name of Applicant" and "Medicaid Billing Number."
- The date of available services (page 6) will be the date application is date stamped at the HealthStart Office. If you have a different date please submit a supporting letter.
- The New Jersey HealthStart Program Provider Agreement (HS-1) must accompany your application, signed and dated.

A HealthStart certified physician and/or midwife may only submit HealthStart delivery codes for HealthStart patients. A HealthStart patient is a woman who has had at least one prenatal Health Support Services visit beyond the registration visit. Otherwise, the woman is not considered "HealthStart" and delivery services should be billed at the regular Medicaid rates.

If there are any questions please call HealthStart staff at (609) 633-3666.

Sincerely,
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